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In re Application of:
Becker *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/883,112

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**Response to Office Action Dated 16 Jan 2003; and
Petition for Extension of Time**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was April 16, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time of one-month is included to bring the response date to May 16, 2003, which is within the 6-month statutory period.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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- Becker et al. (MDA99-043)

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) A Response to Office Action Dated 16 January 2003; and a Petition for Extension of Time (included in text of Response to Office Action); and
- (2) A check for \$55.00 as the small entity fee for a 1-month extension of time; and
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